

ANNUAL REPORT  
OF THE  
OFFICERS  
OF THE TOWN OF  
MOUNT WASHINGTON,  
FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 8,  
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TOWN OFFICERS.

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*SELECTMEN,*

IRA L. PATTERSON, LEWIS HOUGHTALING, EDWARD C. SCHUTT.

*CLERK,*

ALFRED I. SPURR.

*TREASURER,*

ALFRED I. SPURR.

*ASSESSORS,*

HOWARD D. LAMSON, EDWARD C. SCHUTT, LEWIS HOUGHTALING.

*CONSTABLE,*

CLARENCE LAIRD.

*TAX COLLECTOR,*

WILLIAM H. WEAVER.

*SCHOOL COMMITTEE,*

HOWARD D. LAMSON, HERBERT F. KEITH, HERBERT W. WEAVER.

*AUDITOR,*

ORREN C. WHITBECK.

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## APPROPRIATIONS AT THE LAST ANNUAL TOWN MEETING.

Support of poor,	\$125 00
Roads and bridges,	300 00
Contingent,	100 00
Library,	15 00
Town officers,	175 00
Cemetery,	50 00
Seal,	5 00—\$770 00

## ASSESSORS' REPORT.

Valuation of real estate,	\$88,389 00
Valuation of personal estate,	5,745 00—\$94,134 00
Rate of taxation,	\$13 25
Number of residents assessed on property,	34
Number of non-residents assessed on property,	46
Total.	80
Number of horses assessed,	64
Number of cows assessed,	54
Number of sheep assessed,	67
Number of neat cattle assessed,	34
Number of swine assessed,	7
Number of dwelling houses assessed,	48
Number of acres of land,	12,603

## SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

### *Repairs of Roads and Bridges.*

Paid H. W. Weaver, labor,	\$5 15
M. Verones, labor,	64 50
H. D. Lamson, labor,	48 00
I. N. Whitbeck, labor,	38 70
George W. Tibbets, road machine sections,	8 50
Lewis Houghtaling, labor,	70 60
Arthur Morrison, labor,	25 45
Abram Schutt, labor,	35 00
C. R. Brewer Lumber Co., plank,	8 24
D. J. Melius, labor,	1 50
Frederick Porter, labor,	53
E. C. Schutt, labor,	5 50
Willie Melius, labor,	60
W. H. Weaver, labor,	12 00
I. L. Patterson, labor,	13 00
A. I. Spurr, labor,	3 00
Total,	\$340 38

### *Town Seal.*

Paid H. W. Weaver, for seal,	\$4 34
"    "    repairs on seal,	1 50
Total,	\$5 84

### *Town Officers' Fees.*

Paid H. D. Lamson, school committee,	\$5 00
H. W. Weaver, school committee,	7 60
E. C. Schutt, assessor,	12 50
H. D. Lamson, assessor,	10 00
Lewis Houghtaling, assessor,	11 25
W. H. Weaver, collector, 1899,	58 00
H. W. Weaver, ballot clerk,	1 25
D. J. Melius, ballot clerk,	1 25

E. C. Schutt, selectman,	18 00
Lewis Houghtaling, selectman,	18 00
I. L. Patterson, selectman,	24 00
O. C. Whitbeck, auditor,	2 00
Clarence Laird, constable,	7 25
A. I. Spurr, clerk,	15 00
A. I. Spurr, treasurer,	15 00

Total, \$206 10

#### **Support of Poor.**

Paid Lewis Houghtaling, clothes for John Shaver,	\$1 38
I. L. Patterson, blanket for John Shaver,	2 25
Louisa Whitbeck, support of John Shaver,	104 00
Total,	\$107 63

#### **Contingent Account.**

Paid Berkshire Courier Co., Printing,	\$12 95
Wright & Potter, printing,	2 50
William Porter, fighting fire,	50
Ward Morrison, " "	50
Fred Porter, " "	50
Lewis Houghtaling, " "	1 80
Arthur Morrison, " "	1 60
H. W. Weaver, " "	1 00
Willie Melius, " "	80
A. I. Spurr, " "	50
W. H. Weaver, collectors book I	54
A. I. Spurr, " " 1899	54
Frank H. Wright, retainer two years and advice in Spurr matter,	15 00
Frank H. Wright, insurance on Town Hall, five years,	22 50
I. L. Patterson, transportation of Highway Commissioners,	6 00
I. L. Patterson, postage,	1 33
A. I. Spurr, inspecting stock,	6 00
A. I. Spurr, express,	2 10
A. I. Spurr, yard for pound,	1 00
A. I. Spurr, repairs on hall,	93
Damia Spurr, interest on note,	4 80
Total,	\$83 39

#### **RECAPITULATION.**

Roads and bridges,	\$340 38
Town officers' fees,	206 10
Contingent account,	83 39
Support of poor,	107 63
Town seal,	5 84—\$743 34

#### **State and County Tax.**

State tax,	\$45 00
County tax,	147 13

#### **Ministerial Fund.**

Interest on ministerial fund,	\$63 00
Balance from last year,	51 00
	\$114 00
Paid for preaching,	55 00—\$55 00
Balance,	\$59 00
Library account,	\$92 28
Town appropriation,	15 00
Total,	\$107 28

Paid Damia Spurr's note,	\$80 00
Total expenditures,	\$1070 47

#### **Receipts and Cash on Hand.**

Balance in treasury March 7, 1900,	\$371 78
Collector's certificate,	973 13
Interest on I. L. Paterson's note,	12 00
Interest on E. C. Schutt's note,	15 00
Interest on W. H. Weaver's note,	18 00
Rebate on stock inspection,	3 00
Received for rent of town hall,	6 00
Total receipts,	\$1,398 91
Total expenditures,	\$1,070 47
Balance in treasury,	\$328 44
Balance belonging to the town,	112 16

IRA L. PATTERSON, }  
LEWIS HOUGHTALING, } *Selectmen*  
EDWARD C. SCHUTT, } *of*  
Mount Washington, March 8th, 1901. } *Mount Washington.*

#### **Auditor's Report.**

I have examined and compared the foregoing accounts and find the footings and balances correct.

ORRIN C. WHITBECK, *Auditor of accounts.*

## TREASURER'S REPORT.

### A. I. SPURR, Treasurer.

### *Dr.*

Balance as per last report,	\$399 44
Collector's certificate,	1,303 13
State school fund,	528 59
Income of Mass school fund,	136 00
Dog fund,	9 43
Interest on W. H. Weaver's note 1 year,	18 00
Interest on L. L. Patterson's note 1 year,	18 00
Interest on E. C. Schutt's note 1 year,	15 00
Rebate on stock inspection	3 00
Received of town hall committee,	6 00
Total,	<u>\$2,436 59</u>

### A. I. SPURR, Treasurer.

### *Cr.*

Paid Selectmen's orders for repairs on roads and bridges,	\$338 58
Town officers,	206 10
Support of poor,	190 03
Contingent expenses,	80 99
School committee's orders for support of schools,	797 64
For preaching,	55 00
County tax,	147 13
State tax,	45 00
For town seal,	5 84
Balance in treasury, March 8th, 1901,	570 28
Total,	<u>\$2,436 59</u>

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## REPORT OF SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

Both the schools in town have been kept during the year, an aggregate of thirty two weeks, fourteen weeks in the spring and summer term, and eighteen in the fall and winter. The South school was taught by Walter H. Emery (a Hamilton College graduate) excepting the last five weeks, which were taught by his brother, Allen F. Emery. The North school was taught through the year by Frances A. Wade, a Normal school graduate. There is more interest taken in the schools by parents and pupils than a year ago, so we propose to employ the same teachers, and increase our school year by two months, that is, have forty weeks instead of thirty-two.

As we need a number of books, some maps and other supplies we propose that the town raise not less than \$330, the ensuing year for schools. We placed a good organ in the south school (by subscription in neighborhood) and Mrs. A. I. Spurr gave one to the north school, so we expect that they will be some help to the pupils in studying music.

Both schools were well kept, but there was some sickness, which caused a falling off of attendance. There were pupils in the South district who were very irregular in the fall and winter term. The ensuing year we propose to look after truancy more and try to have a better attendance. The committee invite the attention of parents to the subject of truancy and ask their co-operation in securing a good attendance, also in view of the very liberal amount the State has granted us the past year, the committee feel that the parents should interest themselves as much as possible in the schools, and we invite them to visit the schools, and in every way possible assist and encourage the pupils and teachers.

Number of children between 5 and 15 years,	28
Number of children between 8 and 14 years,	16
Number of children under 5 years,	1

**Attendance.****NORTH SCHOOL**

Total membership,	16.
Average membership,	13.69
Average attendance,	12.66
Per cent. of attendance,	.93

**SOUTH SCHOOL.**

Total membership,	13.
Average membership,	10.43
Average attendance,	8.01
Per cent. of attendance,	.77

**Receipts.**

Dog fund,	\$9 43
Town appropriation,	330 00
Interest on school fund,	6 00
State fund,	528 59
Income from Mass. State school fund,	<u>136 00—\$1010 02</u>

**Expenses.**

Teachers' wages,	\$630 00
Supplies,	30 15
Fuel,	27 75
Care of school houses,	11 00
Overdrawn, 1899,	18 74
Overdrawn 1899 Mrs. Spurr's note,	<u>80 00— 797 64</u>

Balance in Treasury, \$212 38

HOWARD D. LAMSON, }  
 H. W. WEAVER, } *School Committee.*  
 H. F. KEITH, }

**Truant Officer's Report.**

There has been no complaint on account of truancy.

LEWIS HOUGHTALING, *Truant Officer.*